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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Anne McDonald Oakley of Quincy, who passed away on January 30, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Anne Oakley was born in Raleigh, North Carolina on February 7, 1932 to Ralph and Mabel Peele McDonald; she graduated from Needham Broughton High School in 1950 and from Duke University in 1954, where she attended as an Angier B. Duke Scholar, a competitive, fully-paid, 4-year scholarship; she received one of Duke's highest honors as a member of the Order of the White Duchy and was recognized for her leadership and academic achievement with inclusion in Phi Kappa Delta, an honorary fraternity; she was also a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority and was active in alumni activities throughout her life; she married Thomas A. Oakley on December 22, 1954 in Raleigh; and

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WHEREAS, Anne Oakley was stationed with her husband at several United States Air Force bases around the country; they returned to Quincy in August of 1957, and Anne provided her intellect and unwavering support to her husband as they worked to build Quincy Newspapers, Inc.; and

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WHEREAS, Anne Oakley was active in a number of community

1 boards, serving as President of the Quincy Service League, the
2 Anna Brown Home Women's Board, and the Friends of the Library;
3 she served on boards associated with Cheerful Home and the
4 United Way; she was a past President of the Illinois Women's
5 Golf Association, a statewide golf organization with which she
6 was associated for 30 years; she served on the Vestry of her
7 church, St. John's Parish (the former St. John's Episcopal
8 Church); she was a member of Quincy Country Club, the Island
9 Club in Marco Island, Florida, and she and her husband were
10 founding members of Naples National Golf Club in Florida; she
11 was a past member of Friends in Council; and

12 WHEREAS, Anne Oakley enjoyed golf, playing bridge with the
13 ladies of Murphy's Tables, and spending time with family and
14 friends; and

15 WHEREAS, Anne Oakley was preceded in death by her parents;
16 her son, Tom; her brother, Charles Chalmers McDonald; her
17 niece, Nancy Geoghegan Farish; her son-in-law, Stephen Young
18 Winters; and her brother-in-law, Peter A. "Tony" Oakley; and

19 WHEREAS, Anne Oakley is survived by her husband, Tom; her
20 son, Ralph McDonald Oakley, and his wife, Lisa, and their
21 children, Allison Oakley Hall (Dustin) and Sullivan Smith
22 Oakley; her daughter, Mary Oakley Winters, and her children,
23 Thomas Lyle Van Ness (Lesley), Benjamin Beeson Van Ness

1 (Amanda), Jonathan McDonald Van Ness, and Jennifer Winters
2 Reekie (Kenny); her great-grandchildren, Isla Skye Reekie,
3 Campbell Ian Reekie, Cora Westwater Reekie, Ailsa McCullough
4 Reekie, Olivia Brin Van Ness, William Daniel Hall, and Sterling
5 Thomas Van Ness; her sister, Mabel McDonald Geoghegan; her
6 brother, Ralph "Bo" McDonald (Meg); her nieces, Mabel Geoghegan
7 Pace (John) and Dr. Anna Coke McDonald; her brother-in-law,
8 David R. Oakley, and his wife, Mary, and their children, David
9 Oakley (Theresa), Mike Oakley (Ginny), Tim Oakley (Denise),
10 Susan Gauthier (Vince), and Cathy Bunce (Gary); her
11 sister-in-law, Signe Oakley, and her family, Peter Oakley, II
12 (Judy) and Hal Oakley (Kathy); her sister-in-law, Shirley
13 McDonald; and numerous great-nieces and nephews; therefore, be
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15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
17 Anne McDonald Oakley, and extend our sincere condolences to her
18 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Anne Oakley as an expression of our
22 deepest sympathy.